

28 February 1963

MEMORANDUM - Special Group (CI)

1. Secretary Williams reported in some detail on Africa following the attached outline. McCone raised the question of Ghana and Nkrumah's attitude, questioning a continued support of certain projects, including the Volta River Dam in view of Nkrumah's violent criticism. Williams defended the situation claiming it would work out over a long period. There followed a discussion of African students in various countries, including bloc countries, U.S., France, Britain, and West Germany. Mr. Murrow expressed criticism of the entire student program indicating a preference for more elemental educational arrangements within the countries rather than foreign education, with the risk that the students upon return to their respective countries, found themselves out of place, dislocated, unhappy, and therefore targets for the Communists. Mr. Bell was critical of the assessment paper citing a conflict between the policy statement on pages 3, 6, and 20, and expressed preference for the general policy guidance expressed in the second paragraph on page 20. There followed a general discussion of the correctness of the African policy. Questions were raised as to whether we were not, in effect, competing with the European countries and places the Africans in an advantageous trading position. The paper was noted.

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3. The report to Mr. Bundy in response to NSAM 119 was noted and approved.

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